



Health Care Services Provided in Grand'Anse

Background: The Haitian Health Foundation (HHF) is a faith-based private, not-for-profit health and human services organization with headquarters in Norwich, Connecticut. Its mission is to serve the poor in the isolated, mountainous western portion of the Grand Anse department. From its modest beginnings in the early 1980's as a group of concerned citizens raising funds and supplies for Haiti's poor, HHF is today a registered PVO. HHF receives funding from both donors, such as USAID, as well as private donations. U.S. Senator Dodd is highly supportive of HHF.

HHF has a main clinic located in Jérémie and four rally posts that serve approximately 200,000 people living in the communities of Bonbon, Jérémie, Moron, and Roseaux. Health care services include immunization, treatment of diarrhea diseases and acute respiratory infections, antenatal care, assisted deliveries, natural family planning, and community health education (malnutrition, breastfeeding, sanitation). In addition, HHF has a maternity "waiting home" called the Center for Hope. Pregnant women, who are identified as high risk, live at the maternity home during the last part of their pregnancies. They receive counseling and medical care prior to and immediately after the pregnancy. The Center also serves as a food distribution site for the Catholic Relief Services Title II food program.

HHF has a well established data collection and health monitoring system, which is one of the best in the entire country. It is a well known "field laboratory" for developing solutions to health sector issues in Haiti.

Sister Maryann Bernard and three other Catholic Sisters provide oversight for the clinical care and manage the community-based activities. Dr. Bette Gebrian (R.N., MPH, and Ph.D.) serves as the institute's Public Health Director based in Jérémie; Dr. Jeremiah J. Lowney Jr. (DDS, MPH) is HHF's President based in Connecticut.

USG Support: HHF is one of over 30 NGO partners under the USG USAID health program 2007-2010 called Pwoje Djanm. In addition, HHF receives direct funding from USAID via a Child Survival Grant administered out of USAID headquarters in Washington, D.C. Since 2003, HHF has received approximately \$2,300,000 million from USAID to support the delivery of health care services.